

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 STATE 227544

55

ORIGIN EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 H-03 DRC-01 RSC-01 /031 R

DRAFTED BY EUR/SOV:RECOMBS:SB

APPROVED BY EUR/SOV:WHLUERS

EUR/SOV:WDYESS

----- 019525

R 170114Z NOV 73

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

INFO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

UNCLAS STATE 227544

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OREP (DRININ, ROBERT F.), UR

SUBJECT: SOVIET VISA FOR CONGRESSMAN DRINAN

1. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT F. DRININ ASKED DEPARTMENT TO URGE SOVIET EMBASSY TO GRANT HIS REQUEST FOR VISA TO VISIT USSR DURING FORTHCOMING CONGRESSIONAL RECESS, FROM MID-DECEMBER THROUGH FIRST WEEK OR SO IN JANUARY. DEPARTMENT ON NOVEMBER 14 HANDED SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICER NOTE VERBALE IN COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRESSMAN'S REQUEST. TEXT IN PARA 3. FURTHER EMBASSY ACTION NOT REQUIRED.

2. SOVIET EMBOFF CALLED DEPARTMENT LATER THAT DAY TO SAY THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN HAD AGREED TO SEND CABLE TO MOSCOW REGARDING DRINAN REQUEST BUT NEEDED TO KNOW PURPOSE OF CONGRESSMAN'S TRIP. AFTER CONFERRING WITH CONGRESSMAN'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT INFORMED EMBASSY PURPOSE WAS "IN HIS CAPACITY AS MEMBER OF CONGRESS TO CONSULT WITH US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH SOVIET UNION." DRINAN'S OFFICE INDICATED CONGRESSMAN WOULD WISH TO VISIT MOSCOW, LENINGRAD AND KIEV.

3. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT'S NOTE FOLLOWS.

QUOTE. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WISHES TO INFORM
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 STATE 227544

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

THAT CONGRESSMAN ROBERT F. DRINAN DESIRES TO VISIT THE
SOVIET UNION DURING THE FORTHCOMING RECESS OF THE UNITED

STATES CONGRESS, IN THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 15-JANUARY 5.
IN VIEW OF HIS PAST DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING A SOVIET
VISA, THE CONGRESSMAN HAS ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TO SEEK ASSURANCES FROM THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT THAT HIS
APPLICATION FOR A SOVIET VISA WILL BE FAVORABLY ACTED
UPON.

THE EMBASSY WILL RECALL THE SEVERAL REQUESTS BY THE
DEPARTMENT TO THE EMBASSY IN AUGUST 1973 ON CONGRESSMAN
DRINAN'S BEHALF. AS THE DEPARTMENT STATED AT THAT TIME,
IT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO TRAVEL TO THE USSR BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF UNITED STATES LEGISLATIVE BODIES.
THE DEPARTMENT THEREFORE REQUESTS THE EMBASSY TO INDICATE
ITS READINESS TO GRANT A VISA TO CONGRESSMAN DRINAN FOR
A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION DURING DECEMBER 1973 OR
JANUARY 1974. END UOTE. KISSINGER

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 17 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973STATE227544
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RECOMBS:SB
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731127/aaaaatlh.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: hilburpw
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 MAR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: WITHDRAWN <29-Jan-2002 by chappeld, INA>; RELEASED <14 MAR 2002 by hilburpw>; APPROVED <14 MAR 2002 by hilburpw>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: SOVIET VISA FOR CONGRESSMAN DRINAN
TAGS: OREP, UR, (DRININ, ROBERT F)
To: MOSCOW
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005